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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 05-65; SBC Communications and AT&T Corp. Applications for
Approval of Transfer of Control.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

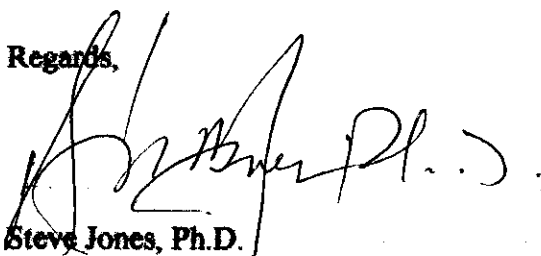
In today's highly competitive telecommunications industry, the existence of separate local and long distance companies no longer provides the benefits that were originally sought by the divestiture of the Bell System. Instead, U.S. telecommunications companies are faced with the challenge of providing inexpensive universal service without the undeniable advantage of end-to-end network control. Maximizing the potential of the U.S. broadband infrastructure is critically dependant on the ability of companies to effectively assemble these separate networks.

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The merger of SBC and AT&T presents an ideal opportunity to improve the strength and cohesion of the U.S. telecommunications infrastructure. While neither SBC nor AT&T, as separate entities, has the necessary resources to assemble a nationwide broadband network, their union will prove to be the first step in undertaking such an effort. This unification will serve the public interest by increasing competition in long distance and broadband markets without diminishing competition in local, Internet backbone, wireless, or international markets. Furthermore, the enterprise sector, which is already extremely competitive, only stands to benefit from the joining of SBC and AT&T.

Indeed, the fusion of SBC and AT&T will result in a flagship U.S. carrier that will offer the most efficient, highest quality telecommunications capabilities to government, business, and residential customers nationwide. By combining SBC's and AT&T's core strengths, investment in and deployment of new services and technologies will undoubtedly increase. The innovations that arise from such development will ultimately benefit customers in all sectors of the telecommunications industry. This marriage between SBC and AT&T will decisively increase competition and advance the public interest while also providing much needed stability for the overall U.S. telecommunications infrastructure. With appropriate support, the overall benefits of this merger can be fully realized.

Regards,



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